

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2847 - SB 2741**

February 8, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a rebuttable presumption that awarding sole custody, joint legal or physical custody, or unsupervised visitation to a perpetrator of child abuse or child sexual abuse is detrimental and not in the best interest of the child.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Current law states that a finding of child abuse or child sexual abuse has occurred within the family will give rise to a rebuttable presumption that it is detrimental and not in the best interest of the child to award sole custody, joint legal or physical custody to the perpetrator of such abuse. The current language does not include unsupervised visitation in the presumption.
- Expansion of the rebuttable presumption will not have a significant impact on the caseloads of state trial or appellate courts, nor the juvenile or general sessions courts with domestic relations jurisdiction hearing custody matters.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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